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Indonesia military offensive continues in East Timor

Last August there were 15 Indonesian battalions operating in East Timor, in Matebian mountain, supported by aircraft and heavy artillery .
In October, the number of battalions increased to 25, to give security to the visit of the president of Indonesia, General Suharto, to East Timor in last November .
On November lrst of 1988, the number of battalions increased again to 32, to carry out a similar military operation as in the years of 1978-79.
The military operation started on November 4th in Matebian montain (Eastern part of the territory), aiming to destroy the Resistance and to assure the opening of the territory as they have been promised.
Fierce fighting between the Indonesian troops and the guerrillas took place in the Matebian mountain, causing heavy losses from both sides.The Indonesian soldiers who dye during these confrontations are buried in Baucau and Dili cemiteries during the night or taken to Bali (Indonesia).

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